

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph (sentence) which was inserted (in Preliminary Amendment “B”) into the application directly following the Title of the application, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- This application is a divisional application of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/923,396, ~~filed August 17, 2001, which is currently pending~~ which issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,699,356 on March 2, 2004. --